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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
MIDDLEMAN et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/123,614 ) Examiner: Cris Rodriguez  
Filed: June 28, 1998 )  
For: DEVICE FOR ANCHORING )  
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(2) A Request for Oral Hearing;

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Applicant respectfully requests an oral hearing for appeal in the above-identified case, now before the Board of Appeals, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.194. Accompanying this Request for Oral Hearing for Appeal is a check in the amount of \$600.00 to cover the cost of both the hearing (\$280.00) and the appeal brief (\$320.00) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(d) and (f).

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